



# Section 8 Landlord Newsletter

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## Do you have any changes to report?

- New mailing address...
- New e-mail address...
- New phone number...

Please report any of these changes to the assisted housing unit's assigned Housing Specialist.

*Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and handicap (disability). For more information, contact the HUD Hot Line at (800) 669-9777 or North County Lifeline at (866) 954-3354 extension 6226.*

## Sequestration Update

Last March, agencies all over the country were developing plans on how to continue business in light of a 5.1% reduction in federal funding due to sequestration. Through prudent planning, the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego was able to continue to assist families already participating in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Rental Assistance Program and did not have to terminate any contracts because of a lack of funding. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, which funds the HCV program, announced slight increases in funding for 2014, which will allow us to assist a few more low-income families with rental assistance. In addition, there are several cost-saving measures currently being defined by HUD that would allow agencies to save additional money and assist more families. Among them would be a change from annual to biennial Housing Quality Standards inspections. As we evaluate these cost-saving measures, we will keep you posted on any changes and when they will be implemented, and how they will affect you and participants in the HCV program.

## Upcoming Landlord Seminar Dates & Webinar

Thursday, April 17, 2014, 2:00 P.M.

Friday, July 18, 2014, 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 2:00 P.M.

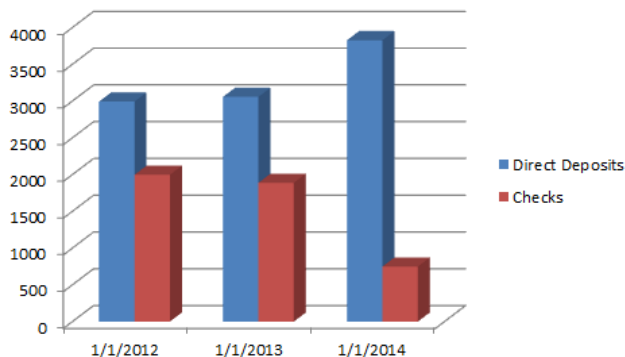
Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

To RSVP or if you have questions, email Felecia Mack at [Felecia.Mack@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Felecia.Mack@sdcounty.ca.gov).

Check out our new Landlord webinar at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHk28bx-7js>. This webinar provides 24-7 electronic access to our landlord partners who cannot attend in-person seminars held in our office.

## Direct Deposit

In an effort to provide better service to our customers, last year we strongly encouraged landlords to receive their housing assistance payments through direct deposit. You responded positively and we thank you!



### Benefits of Direct Deposit:

- Crime protection: Electronic payments can help protect against check theft and other financial crimes.
- Disaster readiness: Electronic payments help protect money from delivery disruptions caused by severe weather or other unforeseen events.
- Efficiency: Funds go straight into a person's checking or savings account on payment day each month.

To sign up for direct deposit use the application on the back of this page, or download it from our website: [http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/sdhcd/docs/direct\\_deposit\\_form.pdf](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/sdhcd/docs/direct_deposit_form.pdf).

**New Property Listings Available**

The Housing Authority of the County of San Diego is now using a new property listing software, Go Section 8. This application is available for landlords to list their vacant units free of charge at:

[www.gosection8.com](http://www.gosection8.com)



We provide informational presentations on the Section 8 program to interested groups. If you'd like to schedule a presentation, send an email to Felecia Mack at: [Felecia.mack@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Felecia.mack@sdcounty.ca.gov).

**Email Notifications**

Did you know that you can receive an email notification when we update the landlord information on our webpage? To sign up, visit [http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/sdhcd/landlords/landlord\\_information.html](http://www.co.sandiego.ca.us/sdhcd/landlords/landlord_information.html).

## County of San Diego Direct Deposit Authorization Form

Please send the completed form to:

Housing Authority of the County of San Diego  
Attn: Fiscal  
3989 Ruffin Road  
San Diego, CA 92123  
Or Fax to: 858-694-4845

If you have any questions, please call (858) 694-4862.

**FINANCIAL INSTITUTION DATA (SELECT CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT):**

\_\_\_\_Checking Account\*    Checking Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Transit Routing No. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** A voided check must accompany this application if Checking Account is selected

**OR**

\_\_\_\_Savings Account    Savings Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Savings Transit Routing No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**LANDLORD/OWNER DATA**

Landlord/Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security or Tax Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord/Owner Address \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord/Owner Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Landlord/Owner Email \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego to initiate deposits and/or correcting entries to previous deposits to my account, if necessary.

This authority will remain in force until I have given a written revocation to the Housing Authority of the County of San Diego in a timeframe that will allow the Housing Authority and the depository a reasonable opportunity to terminate this authorization.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_